GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1720
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EXPULSION OF FIJI FROM COMMONWEALTH
ARUN KUMAR

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

he details of action taken so far to expel Fiji from the membership of Commonwealth?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

In accordance with provisions of the Millbrook Action Programme, Fiji has been suspended from the Councils of the Commonwealth, pending the restoration of democracy and constitutional rule. At the Commonwealth Senior Officials Meeting in Apia, Samoa from 18-20 October 2000, the Indian delegation urged the Commonwealth to ensure strict adherence to the principles enshrined in the Harare Declaration and also the provisions of the Millbrook Action Programme. Government have emphasised the need for early appointment of a Special Envoy to Fiji, as recommended by the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group.India continues to monitor the evolving situation in Fiji.